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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 2, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to prepare a plan for implementing recommendations of Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee regarding programs to facilitate re-entry of inmates into the community

Resolution No. R-931-08

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

_____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

_____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

_____ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)
9-2-08

RESOLUTION NO. **R-931-08**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF BLUE RIBBON ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING PROGRAMS TO FACILITATE RE-ENTRY OF INMATES INTO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Resolution No.1270-05 created a Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee to provide the Board with recommendations for inmate programs to facilitate the re-entry of inmates into the community and to thereby reduce recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee has submitted to the Board its Final Report, dated March 28, 2008, entitled "Breaking the Cycle: Rehabilitation & Job Training in County Jails", which made the following recommendations:

General Recommendations:

1) Establish a local Re-Entry Council for planning and coordination of re-entry services.
2) Staged implementation of rehabilitative programming through pilot programs.
3) Establish a research group under the Re-Entry Council to analyze re-entry issues.
4) Reinvestment of cost-of-incarceration savings to expand re-entry services.
5) County actions re: hiring of ex-offenders, private employer hiring incentives, etc.
6) State legislation re: employment/housing barriers, mental illness services, funding, etc.

Criminal Justice Recommendations:

7) Prioritize inmate pop. re initial re-entry services with eventual expansion to all.
8) Re-entry process to include provision of standardized, informed consent waivers.
9) Provision of incentives for inmate participation in re-entry program.
10) Re-entry sentencing options based upon discharge plans providing continuity of in- Jail services to community based services.

11) Create linkages between local re-entry services and F.D.O.C. for state prisoners within 120 days of release.

Corrections Operations Recommendations:

12) Expand participation in rehab/work programs thru screening, classification, etc.

13) Improve inter-agency coordination through joint training, MOUs, protocols, etc.

Service Provider Recommendations:

14) MDCR to institute automated assessment process re: medical/psych, substance abuse, educational/vocational, etc.

15) Consolidate MDCR training/support services into accessible "one-stop" centers.

16) Create continuum-of-treatment protocols and linkages with community based service providers

Bricks and Mortar Recommendations:

17) New/renovated detention facilities to include accessible re-entry program space.

18) Correctional Master Plan to provide for training and work facility.

19) MDCR to partner with educ/vocational providers to provide occupational training.

20) Contract for emergency MDCR needs re crowding, construction/repairs, etc.

State and Federal Prisoner Re-entry Recommendations:

21) Local Re-entry Council to include state and federal representation to coordinate with local re-entry services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor is directed to prepare a plan for implementing the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee set forth in a Final Report, dated March 28, 2008, entitled "Breaking the Cycle: Rehabilitation & Job Training in County Jails."

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dorrin D. Rolle** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	**aye**		
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	**aye**		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Joe A. Martinez	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**aye**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Robert A. Duvall